

# Norfolk Virginian

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Bishop Gaines, of Georgia, makes the assertion that the entire African race on the American continent is gradually becoming bleached out.

Some Brooklyn women who want to be Aldermen, are willing to serve without pay. They probably do not know that the salary of the office is always a secondary consideration with aspirants for it.

Weyler celebrates the humiliation of his recall by pardoning a lot of the Cubans whom he had exiled. An exchange thinks that he wants them to come home and make things lively for his successor.

Chattanooga, Tenn., which is normally Republican by from 400 to 600, has changed its verdict and on Tuesday the Republicans were overwhelmingly defeated by the Democrats. The latter's candidate, Colonel E. Watkins, was elected by 595 majority.

Rev. Arthur Robins, chaplain in ordinary to the Queen, chaplain to the Prince of Wales and to the Household Brigade, recently preached his 5000th sermon at Windsor. In celebration of the occasion his parishioners have presented him with a complete set of clerical robes.

## TROUBLE AHEAD FOR HANNA.

There is trouble ahead for Hanna. It is a speck on the political sky of Ohio, which promises no good to "The Buckeye" statesman, and though the cloud may now be no bigger than a man's hand, so to speak, yet it is likely to grow and develop in a factor in the election that may very materially interfere with Mr. Hanna's endeavors to return to the United States Senate.

The Democrats and Independent Republicans have joined hands on a ticket for the city of Cincinnati and the county of Hamilton, and if the fusion should carry the county Hanna's candidates for the Legislature would be defeated and in turn Hanna himself may be defeated.

Three Democrats and one Independent Republican form the ticket for Senator, and four Independent Republicans and six Democrats for Representatives. This is a combination which gives Mr. Hanna no little uneasiness, as it may make his election impossible. The Independent Republicans who have united with the Democrats will have none of Hanna, and the belief is that the anti-Hanna ticket has a fair chance of securing the United States Senator.

## PERSONAL LIBERTY IN GERMANY.

It seems queer to speak of anything like "personal liberty" in Germany, when it exists only in name, as Herr Reinhold, editor of the Hamburg Echo, has learned to his cost. There are so many things that an editor in Germany may not speak of, and so many more things he is expected to think of, and yet not do, that it is difficult for him to keep out of jail. Because Herr Reinhold published a rumor about King Leopold, of Belgium, partaking of the profits of the gaming tables at Ostend, there comes along the Kaiser, whose minions yank the editor in the collar and land him in jail.

At the examination of the innocent pencil pusher, the plea was set up by the prosecution that monarchs are beyond the criticisms of editors or any other meddlesome people, and for the offense the editor of the Echo was given eight months in prison.

One would suppose from this that it is highly dangerous to criticize a foreign king in Germany, and it is. Perhaps if Herr Reinhold had declared that Emperor William was not a divinely inspired genius he'd been shot, from which it may be concluded that "personal liberty" in Germany is a myth.

## 16 BICYCLE RIDING BY WOMEN INJURIOUS?

Mrs. Elta Hudders, the lecturer on health and science, has something to say in the New York Times in the way of suggestions to women who ride bicycles. She says that the main trouble with them is that they are too automatic when they ride; they do not let their bodies sway with the wheel, as they should, consequently they "do not get the exercise they should have in riding, do not exercise enough muscles, do strain themselves—receive too much exercise of a wrong kind in holding back instead of going with the wheel, becoming one with it, as a good horseback rider will do with a horse.

She declares that women should not indulge in very long bicycle rides, and that women who are given to long rides are almost invariably frail and unhealthy. She gives her own experience as follows:

"When I had entirely recovered from many effects of the ride I still had a strained hungry look on my face that I notice all century riders have, for weeks, and my friends kept asking me what made me look so ill."

According to Mrs. Hudders the hardest and most wearing riding is around the streets of cities. The nervous strain of looking out for vehicles is very wearing. Women should ride in the country, when they can.

The best wheeling dress, says she, is a pretty divided skirt, kilt platted, a

wide box plait covering the opening in the front, and a little cotton jacket, low shoes and woolen golf stockings, with thin lisle thread underneath. "But of all abominations," she says, "thin stockings are the worst on the wheel." Mrs. Hudders is an authority on health as it relates to women, and what she has to say here is worthy of consideration.

## HYPNOTISM.

The people of this community have heard considerable during the past week or so about hypnotism, in fact the subject is being discussed in many sections of the country. Of course there are differences of opinion on the subject, but the testimony of many learned physicians thereon is of such a character as to startle the reader. An eminent medical man, after protesting against parlor amusements on this line, says: "I wish all to avoid hypnotism as they would a pestilence. Playing with hypnotism is every bit as dangerous as playing with carbolic acid and Paris green. Hypnotic force is strong, and exerting peculiar cases where it is utilized by a qualified medical man, is productive of harm."

"It tells upon the nerves as well as upon a subject's mind, and besides making one irritable and nervous it makes the mind too impressionable and receptive to baneful influences."

"But this is not perhaps the chief danger. The general use of hypnotism has given rise to the opportunity for its use to gain criminal ends. One person may so hypnotize another that he cannot prevent himself from committing criminal acts he is commanded by his hypnotist to perform. These forced acts may range anywhere from stealing and assault to even murder and suicide."

"I know of a remarkable case which happened a short time ago in Hamburg. One of the best known physicians there was visited by a young wife who said she had a strange hallucination impelling her to kill herself. She told the physician that, as her husband was devoted to her, she had said nothing to him of her fears or of her coming to see a physician. The Hamburg doctor saw that the woman was easily susceptible, and, after placing her in a hypnotic state, he called in two assistants as witnesses, and finally succeeded in obtaining from her a full confession. It came out that her husband had her life insured for a large sum, and that regularly he placed his wife in a hypnotic state, during which he commanded her at the end of two months to commit suicide by swallowing poison."

"There is a startling possibility before us, and it is to the interest of the people to arouse themselves to the situation. As hypnotism even in its most innocent form is detrimental, and as its cultivation by people in general would result tragically in many cases, every living person should make a firm determination never to allow himself to be practiced upon by the amateur or professional hypnotist unless a physician finds it necessary in the treatment of a disease of peculiar character."

It is claimed that many cases of unnatural and apparently inexplicable conduct and deportment have been traced to hypnotism, but whether this is true or not, enough is now known about it to discredit its use, unless a physician finds it necessary in the treatment of a disease of peculiar character.

## NOTES AND OPINIONS.

The Duke of Wellington and the Duke of Westminster have thrown open the picture galleries of their London houses to the public on Sundays.

The wage dispute between the Union Window Glass company, of Anderson, Ind., and its employees has been settled by State arbitration.

During an ascent of Mount Ararat, in Armenia, by members of the recent Geological Congress, Dr. Stoeber, a professor of medicine, was frozen to death.

Henry E. Dixey, the actor, filed a voluntary petition for insolvency in the Insolvency Court of Suffolk County, Mass., on Monday. The first meeting of the creditors will be held October 22.

## PERSONALS.

Ex-Secretary Daniel Lamont proposes to build a house in New York and live there.

Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry has had his steam yacht Electra registered as from Newport, has purchased an estate there and built a stable costing \$20,000 to the Newport cottage.

Miss Edna Whitney, of Chillicothe, Mo., who was rejected as queen of the Kansas City Carnival and accepted by Topeka, will be queen of the Kansas City chrysanthemum show in November.

It is reported that Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague's daughter Ethel has decided to go upon the vaudeville stage. It is her intention to appear at Proctor's, in New York, October 18th, with Mr. E. J. Ratcliffe, in a brief sketch called "The Black Butterfly."

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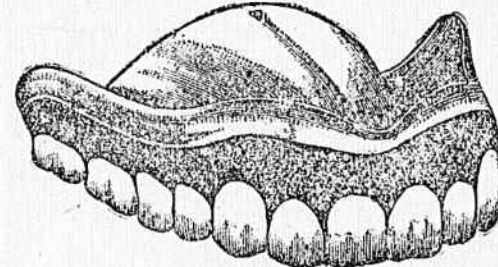
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